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INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, KS, IN

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF ROK-INDIAN RELATIONS

1. ROK PRESS DEC 10 AND 11 HAS HEADLINED SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT OF ESTABLISHMENT BY INDIA OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROK AND NORTH KOREA RESPECTIVELY. PRESS INTERPRETS MOVE, FOLLOWING A FEW MONTHS AFTER RAISING OF ROK RELATIONS WITH FINLAND AND INDONESIA, AS EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS OF ROK'S JUNE 23 FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE ACCEPTING A TWO-KOREA POLICY. MOVE ALSO HERALDED AS FIRST INSTANCE OF TWO PARTS OF A DIVIDED COUNTRY ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH SAME NATION ON THE SAME DATE.

2. MOFA OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED BY PRESS AS CALLING ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH INDIA A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN ROK DIPLOMACY TOWARD THIRD WORLD AND ALSO TOWARD USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE, WITH WHICH INDIA HAS CLOSE RELATIONS. ROK CONSUL GENERAL LHO SIN-YONG WILL CONTINUE AS AMBASSADOR TO NEW DELHI.

3. WHILE DEC 10 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RELATIONS SUPPOSEDLY DISCLOSED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN CAPITALS CONCERNED, NORTH KOREA APPARENTLY BEAT ROK TO DRAW. ACCORDING TO FBIS, ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDIAN-  
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DPRK RELATIONS WAS MADE BY RADIO PYONGYANG JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT

MORNING OF DEC 10 IN NORTH KOREA.  
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